

REMARKS

Claims 1-53 are pending in this application. Claims 24-32 and 53 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 15, 21, 23-24, 33, 47, and 53 are independent. In light of the remarks contained herein, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-23 and 33-52 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Waly* (USP 3,806,708). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

In support of the Examiner's rejection of all of the claims, the Examiner asserts that *Waly* teaches the claimed invention citing to Figs. 2, 4, col. 1, lines 27-50, and col. 4, line 37 through col. 6, line 25. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's characterization of this reference.

The disclosure of *Waly* is directed to an encoded microrecord system that has a plurality of data sets formed therein, each set representing a single printed page, wherein a large book or other document may be stored on the microrecord (Abstract).

At col. 1, lines 27-50, *Waly* discloses:

In the microrecord, a plurality of data-sets is formed on a record medium such as a film sheet. Each data-set represents a distinct page or an equivalent body of intelligence, and is composed of a multiplicity of discrete sub-sets each including at least one data bit such as an alphabet letter. The sub-sets, which together form a data-set, and which may be one page of a particular book, are dispersed on the record according to a predetermined pattern. The dispersed sub-sets forming the plurality of data-sets (i.e., all the pages of this book) are interlaced with each other, whereby each data-set occupies a distinct pattern position on the record and may be optically extracted from the record.

In contrast, the present invention as set forth in claim 1 recites a method for managing valuable documents receiving an order via a computer network relating to a valuable document, and

creating a valuable document in response to the order by associating with the valuable document a subset of a position coding pattern.

However, there is no teaching or suggestion in *Waly* that is directed to receiving an order via a computer network. Further, there is no teaching or suggestion in *Waly* that is directed to creating a valuable document in response to the order by associating with the valuable document a subset of a position coding pattern. As *Waly* fails to teach or suggest all of the elements as recited in the claim, Applicant respectfully submits that *Waly* fails to anticipate claim 1. It is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejection be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 2-14 are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1 at least based upon their dependency on claim 1. It is further respectfully submitted that claims 21 and 33 include elements similar to those discussed above with regard to claim 1 and thus these claims, together with claims dependent thereon, are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1.

With regard to the Examiner's rejection of claim 15, the Examiner relies on the same citations to teach the invention of claim 15. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's characterization of the cited reference.

Claim 15 recites a method for managing valuable documents, the method being carried out using a computer connected to a computer network, wherein a plurality of coordinate areas is defined in the computer, the method comprising receiving a control signal from the computer network, wherein the control signal comprises at least one pair of coordinates that has been recorded by reading a position-coding pattern on a valuable document, determining a coordinate area of the plurality of coordinate areas to which the pair of coordinates belongs, and checking, with the aid of the determined coordinate area, whether the valuable document is acceptable.

However, there is no teaching or suggestion in *Waly* that is directed to receiving a control signal from the computer network. Further, there is no teaching or suggestion in *Waly* that is directed to the control signal comprising at least one pair of coordinates that has been recorded by reading a position-coding pattern on a valuable document.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 16-20 are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 15 at least based upon their dependency on claim 15. It is further respectfully submitted that claims 23 and 47 include elements similar to those discussed above with regard to claim 15 and thus these claims, together with claims dependent thereon, are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 15.

Should the Examiner maintain his rejection of any of these claims, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner clearly identify to the Applicant, in a non-Final Official Action, those portions of the reference the Examiner is relying upon to teach or suggest the position coding pattern, the control signal from the computer network, the reading of the position coding pattern to identify the at least one pair of coordinates, and all of the other elements set forth in the claims so that Applicant may have a proper opportunity to respond.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet (Reg. No. 52,327) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 dated June 9, 2006

Reply to Office Action of March 9, 2006

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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